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Infection**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following as a preliminary amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-10 and add the following:

11. (Added) A method of selling ribavirin comprising:
receiving information that ribavirin may have little or no direct antiviral effect against the HCV virus;
receiving information that ribavirin may be beneficial in treating an HCV infection within a dosage range based on a possible immunomodulatory effect; and
encouraging a physician to administer the ribavirin to treat the HCV infection.
12. (Added) The method of claim 11 further comprising encouraging the physician to administer the ribavirin in a combination therapy with an interferon.
13. (Added) The method of claim 11 wherein it the possible immunomodulatory effect is not clinically proven.
14. (Added) A method of treating a Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) infection in a patient comprising:
receiving information that ribavirin may have little or no direct antiviral effect against the HCV virus;

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receiving information that ribavirin may be beneficial in treating the HCV infection within a dosage range based on a possible immunomodulatory effect; and encouraging a physician to administer the ribavirin to treat the HCV infection.

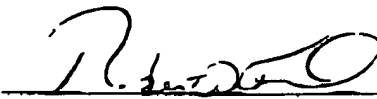
15. (Added) The method of claim 11 further comprising encouraging the physician to administer the ribavirin in a combination therapy with an interferon.
16. (Added) The method of claim 11 wherein it the possible immunomodulatory effect is not clinically proven.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 11-16 are pending in this application. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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